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INTERIM APPROVAL OF CARD-MINDING DEVICES
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TITLE 4. BUSINESS REGULATIONS.
DIVISION 18. CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL COMMISSION.

CHAPTER 8. BINGO.

ARTICLE ~~1~~². BINGO EQUIPMENT, DEVICES AND SUPPLIES.

Section 1248~~26~~. Approval of Card-Minding Devices.

(a) Beginning January 1, 2009, any card-minding device that is used in the play of any bingo game, as described in subdivision (p) of section 326.5 of the Penal Code, shall be approved by the Commission in advance as meeting the requirements of section 326.5. An interim approval process is established to further the legislative intent of avoiding disruption of fundraising efforts by nonprofit organizations as expressed in Business and Professions Code section 19850.6. Until such time as the Commission establishes in regulation specific additional criteria for the approval of card-minding devices, interim approval may be obtained from the Commission pursuant to this section, subject to the following conditions:

(1) An interim approval shall be valid for one year from the date it is granted by the Commission or until regulations specifying additional criteria for card-minding devices become effective, whichever is later.

(2) An interim approval does not obligate the Commission to grant a regular approval and does not create a vested right in the holder to either an extension of the interim approval or to the granting of a subsequent regular approval.

(3) An interim approval does not in any way change the legal requirement that the applicant bears the burden of establishing that a specific device is manufactured to be used in compliance with all of the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (p) of section 326.5 of the Penal Code.

(4) Issuance of an interim approval concerning a specific card-minding device has no bearing on the question of whether the manufacturer of the device, or any affiliated person, will qualify for issuance of any Commission permit, registration, or license. Any interim approval will be cancelled in the event that the manufacturer of the device is subsequently determined to be ineligible for licensure.

(5) If, during the term of an interim approval, it is determined that any particular card-minding device is not qualified for approval, the Executive Director shall prepare an order to show cause why that device's interim approval should not be cancelled. The manufacturer of the device shall be given at least 30 days, but not more than 90 days, to respond in writing. After receipt of the manufacturer's response, or if the manufacturer fails to respond within the specified time, the matter shall be set for consideration at a noticed Commission meeting. The manufacturer may address the Commission by way of an oral statement at the Commission meeting and, either in writing not less than ten days prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself, may request an evidentiary hearing. Any evidentiary hearing shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of subsection (b) of Section 12050 of this division.

(b) A specific model of card-minding device and its designated software version shall be deemed approved on an interim basis by the Commission if the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The chief executive officer or other authorized representative of the business entity that manufactures the card-minding device certifies under penalty of perjury using the form "Application for Interim Approval of Bingo Card-Minding Device," CGCC-615 (~~New 11/08~~Rev. 02/09), which is attached in Appendix A to this chapter, that the specific model and its designated software version satisfies all the requirements set out in Penal Code section 326.5(p)(1)(A-D) and (2)(A-D). An application fee of \$50 for each specified model and its designated software version for which approval is being requested shall accompany the application.

(2) The Commission has issued an interim approval for the specified model and its designated software version, having found that the certification has satisfied the requirements of this section.

(c) Any material change in the software used in a previously approved card-minding device shall require application for approval of the subject model and its revised software version, as provided in subsection (b)(1), and approval by a designated member of the Commission staff.

(d) When using any card-minding device, players shall manually input or daub each individual number or symbol announced by a live caller into the individual player-operated units or components of the device; automatic daubing shall not be permitted. Any card-

minding device possessing automatic daubing capabilities shall have that capability disabled as a condition of approval.

(e) Each application for interim approval shall be reviewed and, if found to be complete and correct, shall be set for consideration at a noticed Commission meeting. If the application does not satisfy the requirements of this section, the manufacturer shall be provided a written list of deficiencies.

(f) For the purposes of Penal Code section 326.5 and as used in this chapter:

(1) “Automatic daubing” or “auto daub” means the input or recording, by any means or in any manner, of any number or symbol announced by a live caller in the play of any bingo game, into a card-minding device without manual action of the player.

(2) “Interim approval” means approval by the Commission of a card-minding device for use in the play of any bingo game based on a certification from the manufacturer that the device complies in all respects with the provisions of Penal Code section 326.5, subdivision (p), paragraphs (1) and (2), including the requirement that the device be both portable and hand-held.

(3) “Regular approval” means approval by the Commission of a card-minding device for use in the play of any bingo game based a finding that the device complies in all respects with the provisions of Penal Code section 326.5, subdivision (p), paragraphs (1) and (2), including the requirement that the device be both portable and hand-held, and any specific additional criteria established by the Commission in regulation ~~subsequent to the effective date of this section~~.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 19840, 19850.5 and 19850.6, Business and Professions Code; Sections 326.3, 326.4 and 326.5, Penal Code. Reference: Sections 19850.5 and, 19850.6, Business and Professions Code; Sections 326.3, 326.4 and 326.5, Penal Code.